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SUBJECT: SITUATION IN VIET-NAM AND CAMBODIA AS OF 1600

HOURS, APRIL 6

WHITE HOUSE PASS PALM SPRINGS FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

1. E & E SITUATION

ADMIRAL GAYLER, WITH AMBASSADOR DEAN'S CONCURRENCE HAS

REQUESTEDTHATEAGLE PULL RESPONSE TIME BE REDUCED FROM SIX
TO THREE HOURS BASED ON HIS ASSESSMENT OF THE WORSENING
MILITARY SITUATION AROUND PHNOM PENH. THE EMBASSY
CONTINUES TO REDUCE NON-ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL AND URGE THE
DEPARTURE OF ALL PRIVATE AMERICANS. AMBASSADOR DEAN HAS
RECOMMENDED RETENTION OF 58 EMBA;SY PERSONNEL WHICH HE
ASSERTS IS THE ABSOLUTE MINIMUM REQUIRED TO OPERATE THE
EMBASSY AND MAINTAIN THE MORALE OF FANK.

2. REPORTED POLITICAL DETERIORATION

THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN PHNOM PENH SHOWS SIGNS OF
CONTINUING DETERIORATION. A REUTERS DISPATCH, DATED APRIL
6, STATES THAT GOVERNMENT LEADERS ARE DISCUSSING THE
POSSIBILITY OF UNCONDITIONALLY SURRENDERING PHNOM PENH TO
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THE RAPIDLY APPROACHING COMMUNIST INSURGENTS. CAMBODIA'S

PRESIDENT SAUKHAM KHOY IS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEGUN SUCH
DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER CAMBODIAN LEADERS.

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3. PHU QUOC REFUGEE SITUATION

AMBASSADOR MARTIN HAS MET WITH SENIOR GVN OFFICIALS TO
DISCUSS THE POTENTIALLY EXPLOSIVE REFUGEE SITUATION AT
PHU QUOC ISLAND WHILE US CONSUL GENERAL CANTHO MCNAMARA
AND ADMIRAL OBERG HAVE VISITED THE SITE. THE GVN APPEARS
TO BE TAKING NECESSARY STEPS TO SPEED THE UNLOADING OF THE
REFUGEES AND PROVIDE FOR EFFECTIVE DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD
AND OTHER ASSISTANCE MATERIALS. THE SITUATION IS
EXPECTED TO IMPROVE.

ELSEWHERE ON THE REFUGEE FRONT NO MAJOR CHANGES ARE
REPORTED.

4. FURTHER REACTION TO PRESIDENT THIEU'S APRIL 4 ADDRESS

ACTING CHAIRMAN OF THE GVN DELEGATION TO THE TPJMC COLONEL
DUONG HIEU NGHIA, A HIGHLY REGARDED ARMY OFFICER
MODERATELY CRITICAL OF THE THIEU ADMINISTRATION, TOLD A
SENIOR EMBASSY OFFICER THAT THIEU'S SPEECH WAS A GOOD ONE
AND THAT THE GENERAL PUBLIC LIKED IT. HOWEVER, US CONSUL
GENERAL CAN THO REPORTS THAT SENIOR MILITARY OFFICERS IN
MR 4 WERE GENERALLY UNIMPRESSED WITH THE PRESIDENT'S
REMARKS. THE ATTITUDE OF THESE OFFICERS TOWARD THIEU AND
THE GOVERNMENT IN GENERAL APPEARS UNCHANGED BY THE SPEECH.
THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN CRITICAL OF THE GVN'S PERFORMANCE
BELIEVE THE SPEECH WAS AN ATTEMPT TO DIVERT PRESSURE
BUILDING UP AGAINST THIEU AND SEE THE NEW CABINET CHANGE
AS SIMPLY ANOTHER COSMETIC SHUFFLE.

5. ORPHANS

USAID REPORTS A TOTAL OF 1137 ORPHANS HAVE BEEN AIRLIFTED
FROM SAIGON AS OF 1200 HOURS, 6 APRIL. ONLY A VERY
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LIMITED NUMBER OF ORPHANS PRESENTLY AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION
REMAIN TO BE TRANSPORTED.

6. C-5A CRASH

USDAO REPORTS THAT THERE WERE 77 AMERICAN CITIZENS
(EXCLUDING ORPHANS) ABROAD C-5A CARGO AIRCRAFT THAT
CRASHED NEAR TAN SON NHUT AIRPORT APRIL 4. OF THIS NUMBER

27 SURVIVED THE CRASH, 18 WERE KILLED AND 32 ARE MISSING.
DOD IS INFORMING THE NEXT OF KIN.

7. FPJMT PERSONNEL REDUCTION

THE CHIEF OF THE US DELEGATION TO THE FOUR PARTY JOINT
MILITARY TEAM HAS PROPOSED RELOCATING TEN OF HIS STAFF
FROM VIET-NAM TO SAMAE SAN IN THAILAND. THIS WOULD
LEAVE ONLY A SMALL ELEMENT OF THE DELEGATION IN VIET-NAM
CINCPAC HAS CONCURRED. WE HAVE ASKED EMBASSY SAIGON FOR
ITS COMMENTS. INGERSOLL

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